

IV. REMARKS

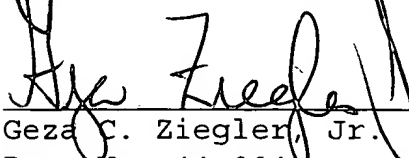
1. The specification is amended to add headings. The abstract is amended to comply with M.P.E.P. §608. Claims 11 and 15 are cancelled without prejudice. Claims 12 and 16 are amended.

2. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of the allowability of claims 1-10. Objected to claim 11 has been combined with dependent claim 12 and objected to claim 15 has been combined with dependent claim 16. Claims 12 and 16 should now be allowable as indicated. Claims 13 and 14 should be allowable by reason of their respective dependencies.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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Respectfully submitted,



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